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SUBJ: EXPORT EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS AND COTTONSEED

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1. MINFON AND MINAG HAVE BOTH TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT USG EMBARGO ON COTTONSEED THREATENS PLANTING FOR NEXT BOLIVIAN COTTON CROP AND THAT FAILURE OBTAIN COTTON SEED WOULD ELIMINATE WHAT NOW IS BOLIVIA'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT EXPORT COMMODITY. MINFON WILL SEND EMBASSY NOTE SETTING FORTH BOLIVIA'S PROBLEM AND NEEDS WHICH WE EXPECTING MOMENTARILY.

2. APPEARS THAT ALEXANDRIA SEED CO. OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA HAS INFORMED GOB THAT EMBARGO DOES APPLY TO SELECTED COTTON SEED FOR PLANTING. ACTION REQUESTED: A. CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL THAT COTTONSEED FOR PLANTING INCLUDED UNDER EMBARGO; B. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN BOLIVIA'S NEEDS FOR COTTONSEED FOR PLANTING UNDER ALLOCATION PLAN MENTIONED REFTEL.

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3. AREA PLANTED IN COTTON IN BOLIVIA HAS BEEN EXPANDING
RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS. ABOUT 160,000 ACRES WERE PLANTED
LAST YEAR AND WE ESTIMATE ABOUT 185,000 ACRES WILL BE
PLANTED THIS NOVEMBER IF SEED IS AVAILABLE. THIS YEAR'S
CROP IS EXPECTED TO BE WORTH BETWEEN \$21 MILLION AND
\$25 MILLION.
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